

## York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

### Meeting Minutes For September 19, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Thomas Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Robert A. Foley, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, York County Commissioner Gary Sinden, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., John Webb, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, Dave Lavway, Sherry Edwards, James T. Glessner, Mary Ann Lynch, and Philip Johnston

Next

meeting: Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m., York County Superior Court library

On September 19, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., all of the Commission members met at the York County Jail for a “bus tour” of the 7 sites previously identified as possibilities for a county courthouse site.

The Commission looked at the following sites identified on the windshield evaluation work sheet: Numbers 2, 15, 16, 4, 10, and 24. Site # 22, owned by the Maine Turnpike Authority (“MTA”), was not included by consensus of the Commission because a recent communication from the MTA indicated that it was not likely to be available for sale or transfer.

After viewing these sites, the Commission met at a conference room in the York County Jail facility from 4 to 5 p.m. It was the consensus of the Commission to request further information regarding sites 2, 15, & 24, as follows:

As to Site # 2, which is owned by York County and is adjacent to the York County Jail. The Commission had the following questions:

1. How far away is the sewer hook-up from the property?
2. Are either or both of the white or gray house parcels on Route 4, adjacent to the county property, available for purchase? What are the tax valuations for those properties?
3. Are there any wetland issues affecting the property? Phil Johnston indicated that soil maps are available and the site is sand, and suitable for building.

As to Site # 15, which is owed by the City of Biddeford and situated on the east side of U.S. Route 1 in Biddeford at 511-515 Elm Street, the Commission had the following questions:

1. Is natural gas available?
2. What is the sales price?
3. Does the City Council have authority to transfer the parcel? Are there other requirements or impediments to transfer, i.e., must it go to referendum, or be competitively bid?

As to Site # 24, which is on the north side of Rte. 111 on the Arundel-Biddeford line, near Andrews Road, the Committee had the following questions:

1. The asking price is high, is the owner willing to come down in price?
2. What geotechnical data is available? Is it on ledge?
3. Does the MTA have plans regarding a Biddeford bypass spur to make access easier?
4. What other information is available?

Ted Glessner and Phil Johnston will work with the subcommittee to get answers to these questions for the next meeting.

The Commission was given the most recent court case filing information for York County. For the next meeting the Commission has requested:

- York County arrest data by police department.
- Daily transport records from the jail to the courts, that is, how many people are transported daily from the jail to each courthouse?

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.